

Israeli Government in crisis over Sharon remarks

Middle East peace talks under threat

The killing of 21 Jews in Istanbul led to a crisis in Israel when concessions to Palestinians were blamed

Israel's Government faced a new crisis yesterday over statements by Mr Ariel Sharon, the Trade Minister, that a Turkish synagogue attack was the Palestinian answer to Israeli peace efforts.

Hosni Mubarak, later this week. On Saturday night Mr Peres had vowed that Israel would not rest until it had cut off the 'murderous hand' responsible for the Istanbul attack.

But they also bitterly criticized Mr Peres for taking advantage of Mr Sharon's remarks to create what they believed was an artificial and uncalculated crisis.



Survivors of the Karachi massacre, including a boy wrapped in a blanket, arrived in a US Air Force plane in Frankfurt, West Germany, for medical treatment yesterday morning.

Victims of hijack in US care

A Briton wounded in the Karachi hijack bloodbath was in a 'stable condition' in a US Army hospital in Frankfurt yesterday.

Hijack survivors head for home

Two hundred and nine passengers and eight infants flew out of Karachi yesterday after the bloody trauma of their hijacking on Friday.

Abu Nidal seen as most likely culprit

A flurry of telephone calls to Western news agencies in Nicosia and Beirut at the weekend suggested that a Palestinian group - most likely the Abu Nidal movement - was responsible for the slaughter in Istanbul on Saturday.

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Moscow threat of spy trial for US journalist

The superpower row over Nicholas Daniloff, the American journalist arrested nine days ago by the KGB, grew more serious last night with the disclosure that he has now been formally charged with spying against the Soviet Union.

First news of the charge was provided by Mr Daniloff in an 18-minute telephone call to the local office of US News & World Report, the magazine he has represented here for five-and-a-half years.

Mr Daniloff, who is being held with another prisoner in an 8ft by 10ft prison cell in eastern Moscow, was arrested at noon on August 30 after meeting a Russian friend and exchanging gifts.

Mr Daniloff added that Mr Daniloff had emphasized that he hoped the affair would not have an adverse effect on US-Soviet relations.

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Thatcher backs acid rain curb

The Prime Minister is likely to agree to a multi-million pound programme to combat 'acid rain' pollution thought to come from British coal-fired power stations.

Atom leak in Finnish reactor

Helsinki (AFP) - Two Soviet-built nuclear power plants in southern Finland were shut down after a radioactive leak at one of them last Wednesday.

Tomorrow THE DANGER SPORTS

Some people will do anything for thrills - even if death is the price. The Times talks to the jumpers, fliers, riders and climbers in sport's risk business

Portfolio

There is £8,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio Gold competition today, double the usual amount because there was no winner on Saturday.

Boycott move

Sir Geoffrey Howe flies to Washington tomorrow to discuss sanctions against South Africa after EEC foreign ministers met in Hertfordshire to co-ordinate plans for a boycott of Pretoria.

Final word

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Ex-Thatcher aide urges Whitehall overhaul

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Sir John Hoskyns, former head of the Prime Minister's Downing Street policy unit, today adds his voice to the growing clamour for far-reaching changes in the way Whitehall is run, including a system giving ministers their own "cabinets" to help with their government, party and constituency work.

In a report published for a conference in London, Sir John, director general of the Institute of Directors, says: "It is becoming increasingly difficult to find anyone outside the ranks of government ministers and senior Civil Servants who does not believe that fundamental overhaul of the machinery of government is now a matter of urgency."

"Virtually all retired senior officials, most ex-ministers and many academics are now convinced that something is seriously wrong."

Sir John's intervention is embarrassing for the Prime Minister as it comes six weeks after the Government effectively rejected a call by the all-party Commons Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee for Whitehall changes.

The changes would have included the introduction of policy units for the secretaries of state of government departments, more outside advisers and the separation of the roles of the Cabinet Secretary and head of the Home Civil Service, currently held by Sir Robert Armstrong.

The conference, organized by the institute, will be attended by politicians, Civil Servants, academics and

journalists. The first similar conference on "reskilling government", held last May, expressed clear support for the introduction of a French "Cabinet" system to fit British needs, at an estimated cost of £7.7 million.

Ministers would have an enhanced private office or executive office with appointees to help ministers with their constituency and party work, experts to advise on key departmental issues which would be drawn from Civil Service "high-flyers" and capable outsiders, and analysts capable of policy research.

The Treasury committee made a similar proposal earlier this year, suggesting that the new offices should be termed ministers policy units.

The Labour, Social Democrat and Liberal parties have all since backed the proposal, but the Government resisted the committee's proposal that there should be an experiment in some departments.

Sir John accepts that the concept of a Cabinet system has now taken root in the three opposition political parties and that any change of government would be likely to be followed by the early introduction of this form of strengthened policy support for ministers.

Sir John says that this does not did mean that the new consensus was necessarily right, but he adds: "To refuse even to consider the possibility that the government machine might, after 30 years, need an overhaul seems to us to be irresponsible."



Mr Michael Wareham, the new crossword champion, pondering over a particularly difficult clue yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trivison).

Head is champion puzzler

By Alan Hamilton

Mr Michael Wareham, a preparatory school headmaster from St Andrews in Fife, yesterday defeated 21 other finalists and the most devilish snares of the compilers to win the Collins/Times National Crossword Championship.

Mr Wareham, aged 45, succeeded at his third attempt, after winning the competition's Glasgow regional final for the past three years. His average time for solving each of the four puzzles in yesterday's national final at the Park Lane Hotel was just under 10 minutes.

It had been, Mr Wareham confessed, a close-run thing, and he had been forced to guess the answers to two particularly impenetrable clues: "Eudymion not written in Latin but sung in Scotland" and "Lace - half a guinea to clear". Fortunately, he guessed correctly with the answers "Bluebell" and "gaspere".

Mr William MacLeod, managing editor of Collins Dictionaries, which sponsors the championship, presented Mr Wareham with his prize of a crystal bowl and £500 of Harrods vouchers.

One reason for Mr Wareham's win, which he readily conceded, was the absence from the finalists of Dr John Sykes, who has won the title outright eight times. An early favourite to win was Mr David Armitage, a Cambridge English graduate, who at 21 was among the youngest entrants to reach the final in the 16 years of the championship. Mr Armitage completed his first puzzle in four and a half minutes, equalling the championship record, but in his speed he sacrificed accuracy and was left unplaced.

Kinnock faces row on nuclear energy

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

An attempt led by Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' president, to commit the Labour Party to a completely anti-nuclear energy policy is expected to fail at the party conference in Blackpool this month.

But Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, will be unable to avoid being caught in the middle of a damaging dispute on the issue.

Some shadow cabinet colleagues and unions are opposed to phasing out nuclear power, as proposed in his carefully constructed National Executive Committee compromise, while leftwingers want a much faster process of disengagement.

The conference agenda published yesterday contains up to 180 resolutions on energy, by far the highest on any subject and a majority call for the ending of nuclear power.

Some are critical of Mr Jack Cunningham, the party's environment spokesman whose constituency contains the Sellafield reprocessing plant and whose defence of nuclear power has angered activists.

But Mr Kinnock will resist the inevitable conference calls for the resignation of Mr Cunningham, who is regarded as one of his most effective front-bench performers.

Mr Scargill and his supporters believe that the 60,000 majority which thwarted them at last week's TUC congress can be overturned at the Labour conference in favour of motions calling for a total ban on nuclear power.

But the Labour leadership believes that its own NEC compromise, which goes much further than the agreement reached last week but concedes that the nuclear run-down will be long-term, will be carried.

It was said by party sources yesterday that while it was more than possible that the Scargill-backed motions could be passed, they are unlikely to do so with the necessary two-thirds majority under which they would become party policy.

The expected backlash over the expulsion of Mr Derek Hatton and other Militant supporters has failed to materialize. Only a few resolutions have been tabled condemning "witchhunts" and most of them from Liverpool constituencies.

More jobs will be created at the Inland Revenue to stamp out tax evasion if a Labour government comes to power.

This pledge was given yesterday in a policy document, to be submitted to the conference, on social security and tax approved by Labour's national executive.

World Chess Championship Kasparov grabs a desperate draw

From Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Leningrad

Gary Kasparov came under heavy pressure in the 13th game of the World Chess Championship on Friday, but found salvation in a desperate mutual time scramble in the final minutes of the session. He remains one game ahead.

The opening of the first game of the Leningrad part of the championship was a Grundfeld defence which duplicated the variation they had played in game three in London. At this point, Anatoly Karpov produced a novelty, thrusting forward his f-pawn instead of withdrawing his knight as had occurred in that earlier encounter.

The middle game soon developed into a kind of blocked trench warfare, but Karpov's control of the important e5 square with his knight always gave him some initiative.

With his time running out, and faced by the type of box constrictor pressure with which Karpov has reaped so many victories in the past, Kasparov, the world champion, clearly took the bold decision to complicate play, and to confuse the issue as much as possible.

Starting with his 23rd move, Kasparov lunged forward his pawns on both wings

Mass Unionist resignation urged

By Richard Ford

The mass resignation of Unionists from Northern Ireland's district councils is being proposed by "loyalists" as part of their protests leading to the first anniversary of the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

But though this is the preferred option of a joint Unionist working party there is uncertainty in both the Official and Democratic Unionist parties about the willingness of all councillors to back such a tactic.

Mr James Molyneux, leader of the Official Unionists, and the Rev Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Unionists, have the task of persuading up to 400 members of 26 district councils to resign before November 15.

The idea of a mass resignation comes as "clear signs emerge" that the policy of

adjourning meetings is disintegrating, with local councillors unhappy that their protest is affecting the community rather than the British Government.

Limited business has been conducted in a number of councils, including Belfast and Castlereagh, the power base of Mr Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the DUP.

Leading figures in the OUP are privately delighted at the embarrassment caused to Mr Paisley and the DUP by the conduct at Castlereagh, where Mr Robinson is mayor.

The option of resigning will be difficult to enforce as many councillors, in the forefront of the Unionist protest since last November, will ask whether their 14 MPs at Westminster will also resign and forfeit their salaries.

Air Show orders top £1,000m

Orders and agreements announced at the Farnborough Air Show amount to a record £1,000 million.

The figure will be exceeded when values are placed on the orders on which companies, for commercial reasons, have not disclosed details.

Sir John Curtis, director of the Society of British Aerospace Companies, said: "This has been our most successful Farnborough yet."

He said that many exhibitors had already booked space at the 1988 show, scheduled for September 4 to 11. Among the orders agreed this year were a £300 million order from the GPA group (Irish Management Group) for CFM-56-3C engines for 30 Boeing 737s, from CFM International; and a £69 million order from ALIA (Royal Jordanian Airlines) for V2500 engines for six A320s, from Rolls Royce/IAE.

Chernobyl reaction 'too slow'

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

A survey of emergency planning staff in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster has revealed "considerable reservations" about Britain's ability to get information to the public quickly and effectively in the event of a peacetime nuclear incident.

A report by the Association of County Councils on British handling of the effects of fallout from Chernobyl says some local authority emergency staff expressed disquiet about the nation's ability to "disseminate information and co-ordinate action" after such an incident.

The report, drawn up by officers of the all-party association and based on a survey of member councils in England and Wales, says the Ministry of Agriculture was "slow and ill-prepared" in sending out information on the monitoring of radiation levels in food after the Chernobyl disaster.

Lord King is 'ruled out' for BBC post

Lord King, chairman of British Airways, appears to have been ruled out as the next chairman of the BBC by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

Lord King was rumoured to be a potential future chairman, but his appointment would be highly unpopular with the BBC establishment because of his lack of broadcasting experience.

The appointment of a chairman to succeed Mr Stuart Young will be made by Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Leading candidates are Lord Windlesham, a former leader of the House of Lords and Lord Barnett, the present deputy.

Wapping talks

Talks on the Wapping dispute were held in London yesterday between representatives of News International and of the print unions involved. The negotiations were adjourned after several hours and will resume today.

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Hospital waiting lists: 1

Many patients forced to wait in agony for more than a year

There are 661,249 people waiting for hospital treatment. Many have been waiting for more than a year, sometimes in agony.

Almost 40,000 people have been on orthopaedic consultants' books for non-urgent operations for more than a year, and nearly 10,000 people have been waiting for urgent orthopaedic operations, including hip replacements, for more than a month.

Statistics show that some parts of the country are much worse off than others, often for no apparent reason. A person waiting for a hip operation in the Midlands may have to wait twice as long as someone in Merseyside or North-west London.

West Midlands Regional Health Authority holds the longest waiting list for trauma and orthopaedic surgery in the country. In September 1985 about 15,937 people were waiting for operations, nearly a third for more than a year. But in one district in West-sax region, 95 per cent of all patients on non-urgent orthopaedic waiting lists had to wait for more than a year before being treated.

Ministers suspect that many

The reduction of hospital waiting lists is high on the political agenda, and ministers have asked health authorities to produce plans by October to tackle the delays. In the first of two articles, Jill Sherman describes the extent of the crisis.

of the people on waiting lists no longer need treatment, either because they have died or have moved to a different part of the country.

Last year the NHS management board sent out another reminder asking health authorities to review their waiting lists. Many have still not done so.

Ministers and managers argue also that even if waiting times fall, increased demand means that it is rarely reflected in falling waiting lists.

Figures on performance show that length of stay and the number of operations performed per department vary from district to district. The type of operation can also differ enormously. One ophthalmology department may spend most of its time carrying out cataract operations on elderly patients, while another department will do mostly major surgery.

Mr John Yates, an academic who works for the

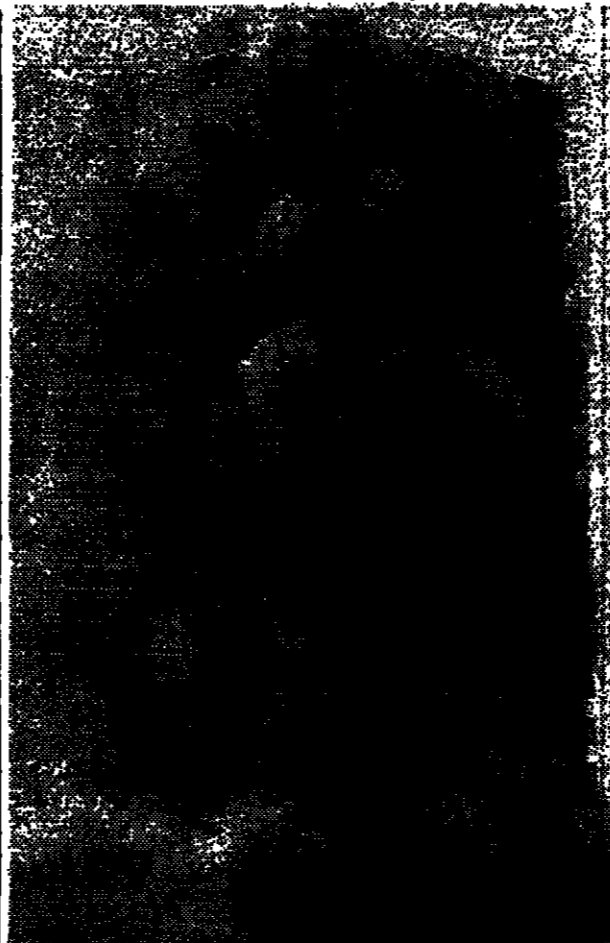
Health Services Management Centre in Birmingham, feels that bad management is partly to blame. He says that lists could be reduced significantly by making sure that beds and operating theatre sessions are used more efficiently.

He proposes that the bonus payments due to general managers could be withheld if managers fail to bring down their waiting lists, pointing out that the Government should now be directing its attention at the 30 districts responsible for a third of the country's waiting lists.

He admits that some districts need more resources.

In addition, some doctors used waiting lists to boost their private practice. "It would be interesting to see how many operations some consultants performed in the NHS, compared to the number they carried out privately", Mr Yates said.

Tomorrow solutions in the NHS and the private sector



Highworth Point, a 21-storey tower block on Trowbridge Estate in Hackney, east London, being demolished yesterday after explosive charges on each of the floors were detonated by electrical circuits.

Residents whose low-rise homes face demolition forced planners to delay the demolition for 75 minutes by occupying

three bungalows next to the tower block.

The 12 members of the 80-member Trowbridge Estate Low Rise Dwellers, Residents and Tenants' Association finally left the danger zone after the leader of Labour-controlled Hackney Council agreed to a meeting to reconsider plans to demolish 116 bungalows on the estate. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Experts 'failed to interpret Ronan Point evidence'

By Charles Kneivt, Architecture Correspondent

Ronan Point, the 22-storey tower block which partly collapsed in a gas explosion in 1968, killing five people, would have been demolished at the time, rather than repaired, if government experts had realized the implications of their investigation, Mr Sam Webb, an architect, claimed yesterday.

Evidence of bad workmanship, which came to light last week during the "scientific" demolition of the block, was known at the time of the public inquiry into the disaster, he said.

Dr S. C. C. Bate, principal scientific officer of the then Building Research Station, gave written and verbal evidence to the tribunal which referred to workmanship in the H3, H4 and critical H2 load-bearing bank wall joints. But further evidence relating to the safety of the type of construction used at Ronan Point, given by two other government experts, remained confidential.

Inquiry document 25, by Dr Frederick Thomas, deputy head of structural engineering at the station, and inquiry document 23, by Mr Len Creasey, chief architect of the then Ministry of Public Building and Works, were submitted to a meeting to reconsider plans to demolish 116 bungalows on the estate. (Photograph: Chris Harris). But a decision was taken not

to circulate their evidence to other parties at the inquiry, including representatives of the gas industry, who queried the form of construction used.

Dr Thomas said in his written evidence: "Even if gas were forbidden, I should feel less safe living in a building of the Ronan Point type of construction than I would be in a building of most other systems of construction."

Mr Creasey said in his written evidence: "I would not now feel safe in living in the end and corner rooms of such a building even if gas were prohibited."

Mr Webb said: "The evidence of bad workmanship was discovered in 1968, so why was its significance not realized and why was it not made public. The evidence showed that the dead-weight of the building would eventually lead to its collapse due to overloading. The dead weight of a building is the weight of its construction, excluding people, furniture and fittings."

Mr Webb said that the Department of the Environment had recognized this factor when, in 1984, it recommended to the London Borough of Newham that the top eight floors of Ronan Point should be removed to make it safe.

Mr Nigel Spearing, Labour MP for Newham South, whose constituency includes Ronan Point, will be delivering a letter today to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, asking what major defects were discovered during the course of the public inquiry investigation, and what the implications are for all system-build tower blocks in the country.

Demolition contractors will this week be dismantling flat 90 on the eighteenth floor of Ronan Point, which was rebuilt after the disaster. It was here that the gas explosion occurred when Miss Ivy Hodges, who survived the blast, started to make herself an early morning cup of tea by lighting the gas cooker.

Children in care 'denied a home link'

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Sixty children in public care on average have no contact with any member of their family, the Family Rights Group says. There are about 7,000 in children's homes or with foster parents in England and Wales.

A book published today by the group, an independent charity, describes the breakdown as "tragic".

It discloses that many local authorities have failed to comply with the Government's code of practice in setting up a proper internal appeals procedure for parents and other relatives unhappy with arrangements for access.

Mrs Jo Tunnard, the group's director, says the defaulting authorities do not acknowledge the importance of maintaining links.

A law introduced in 1984 gave parents the right to challenge social workers' decisions to stop them seeing their children. The group adds: "Sadly, other relatives, and the children themselves, are still denied this right."

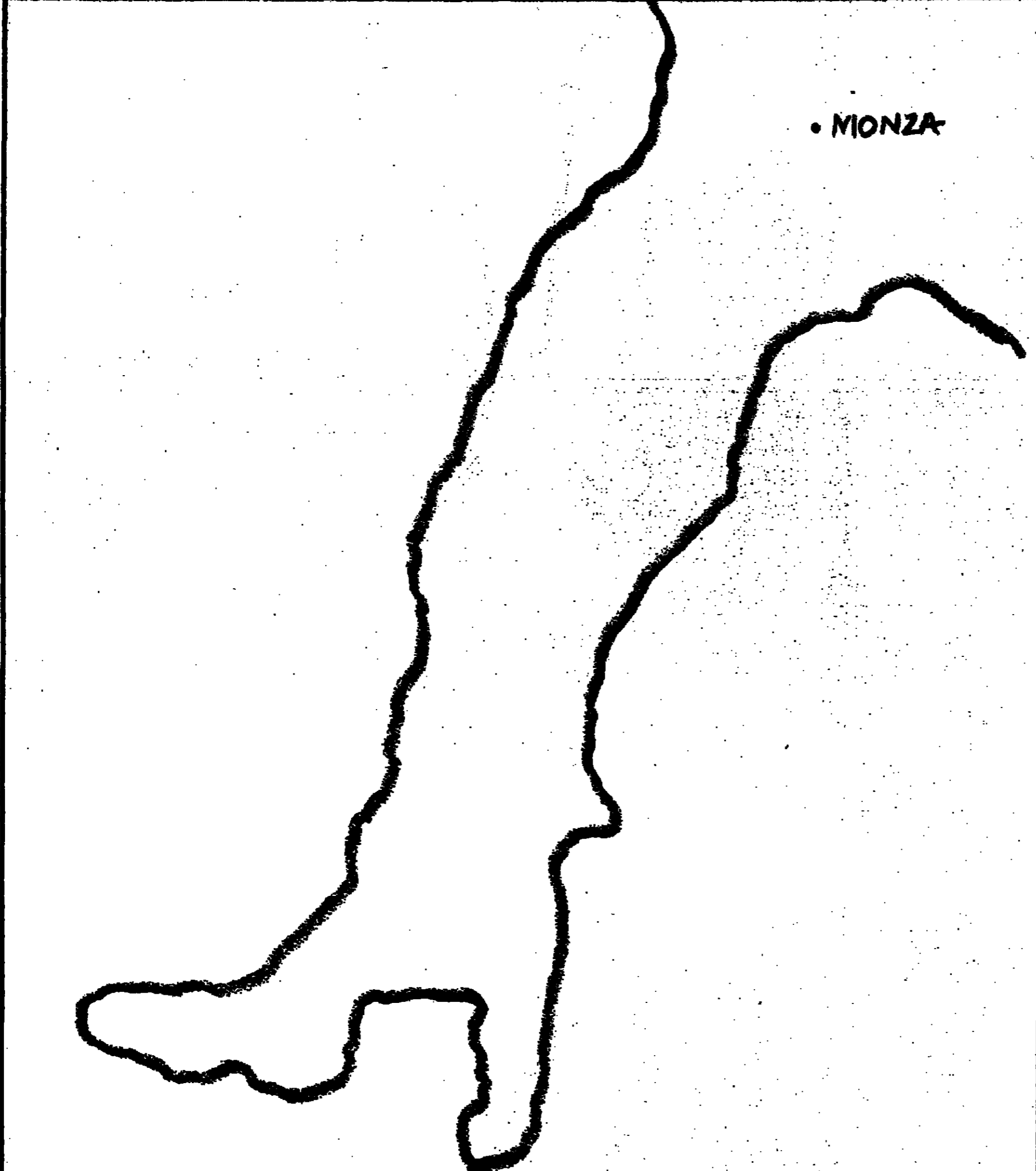
The book gives detailed examples of difficulties that families face.

One girl, aged 11, was living in a children's home in the countryside and was allowed to spend every weekend at her mother's home. One Sunday she got back six hours late because of heavy snow.

Two weeks later her normal visit was stopped. The social worker said that was because of her previous late return.

Another mother had to arrange visits to her daughter, aged five, 100 miles away by using a telephone box to try to contact a social worker, then pay for public transport out of supplementary benefit and wait for repayment.

The book suggests that, given goodwill, social workers can do much to promote and maintain links between children in care, their parents and the rest of the family. Promoting Links: Keeping Children and Families in Touch (Family Rights Group, 6 Manor Gardens, London N7 6LA; £4).



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In addition to exposing his fraud and humbug, the Front has posed a tangible threat to Gaddafi. Daring operations, such as the may, 1984 attack by the Front's military units, the Salvation Corps, on Gaddafi's headquarters at Bab al-Aziza, and the widely influential daily radio transmissions, have undermined the very foundations of Gaddafi's regime. And together with the Front's intensive and successful contacts with many countries and international bodies, these activities have brought about the twists and turns that have become a marked feature of Gaddafi's policies, as well as his behaviour.

And hence, the front's other objective of offering a democratic alternative to Gaddafi's terrorist regime, and gaining worldwide support for the Libyan national struggle, can also be said to have been virtually accomplished.

However, one other binding commitment of the Front - to give our people the opportunity to determine their own future, and establish a representative, democratically chosen constitutional rule in Libya - has not yet been realised.

This commitment still stands today. But, while the task ahead remains formidable, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Yusuf al-Magariaf the secretary general, his colleagues and members of the National Front for the Salvation of Libya, are now more than ever confident of eventual triumph. Time, most certainly, is on our people's side.

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Solicitors' inquiry call on damages is rejected

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government has rejected a call by solicitors and accountants for an inquiry into limiting the damages courts can impose for professional negligence.

The decision comes at a time when the professions are facing rises in claims for negligence and, as a result, drastic cuts in the amount of professional indemnity insurance they can obtain.

Big City firms of solicitors, who are this week in the last stages of negotiating their indemnity insurance, look like being unable this year to obtain cover for more than £40 million, almost half what in one or two cases they would like.

At the same time, premiums are rising and even three times what they were last year.

Rejecting the two professions' request for an inquiry, the Department of Trade and Industry has said it needs to consider the public interest as well as sectional interests of the professions and that the former far outweighs the latter.

Officials also take the view that solicitors and accountants are not the only people facing difficulties over increased premiums: doctors face a 70 per cent rise in subscriptions to their medical defence unions and architects, surveyors and engineers are also facing steep rises.

Solicitors firms are obliged to carry £500,000 minimum cover through the Law Society's master policy scheme. But a proportion of firms, at least the 7 per cent with more than 15 partners, arrange their own top-up cover.

The amount available for City firms handling multi-million pound transactions is critical.

One such firm with several foreign offices, but with no significant claims against it, cites figures which illustrate the general problem: in 1984-85 it had £100 million cover worldwide which cost £404,000.

Tough new laws on woodlands in force

By Hugh Clayton Environment Correspondent

Landowners who cut down woodlands without permission can be made to replant them under tough new forestry laws which operate from today.

The Forestry Commission will also have a new power to enter private land, plant trees on it and charge the cost to the owner.

They will apply only to large groups of trees, and will not prevent householders from cutting down trees.

The new rule will enable the Forestry Commission to serve an order on a convicted person forcing him or her to plant new trees on the land and maintain them for up to 10 years.

An order could state which type of trees had to be planted, so that if broadleaves were felled illegally the owner would not be able to replace them with faster-growing conifers.

Owners who fail to carry out replanting orders can be fined up to £2,000.

The new law enables owners who object to replanting orders issued against them to appeal to ministers.

Official surveys show that more than a third of wildlife-rich ancient woodland in Britain has been cut down since 1945.



A refreshing pause for Mark Gaynor, a "living painting", during a seven-hour stint on a wall, suspended in harness and covered from head to foot in acrylic and gesso-paint. Mr Gaynor is one of three former art students bringing a new meaning to still life at the DIY '86 Exhibition, which opened at the Novotel Centre, Hammersmith, west London, yesterday.

'Millions wasted' on poor design of prison buildings

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Tens of millions of pounds have been wasted because of the "monumental incompetence" of the Home Office in the building of jails, the Prison Reform Trust said yesterday.

By the Home Office's own estimates millions of pounds have been wasted, Mr Stephen Shaw, the trust's director, said.

The catalogue of faults cited by the trust ranges from building facilities that are never used, to the whole high-security prison at Full Sutton, near York, costing more than £20 million, which the Home Office admits was surplus to requirements, the trust said.

The accusations reflect the trust's continuing concern about the ability of the Home Office to deliver an adequate building programme.

Mr Shaw referred to evidence given earlier this year by Home Office officials to the Commons Public Accounts Committee that, for example, the intended renovation of Wormwood Scrubs had involved the construction of new buildings which subsequently were found to be unusable because of a change in plans.

He disclosed that a letter to him from Mr Christopher Train, director general of the prison service, indicated that Full Sutton may never be used for the purpose for which it was designed.

Furthermore the committee had criticized the design for replicating the acknowledged mistakes made in another maximum-security prison, Frankland, Durham.

At Liverpool new cell doors fell off hinges, adding £50,000 to costs. Mr Shaw said. Repairs to Wymott Prison in the first six years it was open represent 70 per cent of the original costs of building.

The new Holloway Prison in north London requires twice as many staff to run as its predecessor, with fewer prisoners.

The design for the £50 million new remand prison on the Woolwich Arsenal site actually assumes compulsory cell-sharing for most of the unconvicted prisoners who will make up its population, Mr Shaw said.

When two house blocks at Ercostoke House youth custody centre and detention centre, Deves, were completed in March 1983, the Prison Officers' Association refused to operate them.

They were eventually occupied in October 1984 after security locks, which restrict inmates' access to night sanitation, had been fitted.

Science report

Physicists are close to the elusive 'top quark'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Physicists at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN) in Geneva may have caught a glimpse of the tiny particles called the "top" quark, one of the basic building blocks of all matter in the universe.

The new evidence for the existence of the missing quark comes from the repetition of an experiment made on the laboratory's huge underground accelerator, which is housed in a circular tunnel that runs under the French-Swiss border.

The observations were made in an experiment carried out in a proton-synchrotron, which is a machine that allows beams of particles accelerated to near the speed of light to collide.

Bunches of protons were crashed into groups of anti-protons (the anti-matter counterparts) moving at the same speed but in the opposite direction.

Protons, along with neutrons, make up the nuclei of atoms, but with the anti-protons they form smaller particles called quarks.

Quarks are bound into protons and neutrons by a very strong force, which is transmitted by other particles called gluons, and so named because they are the "glue" that binds the quarks together.

According to theory, quarks cannot exist in isolation.

The way their presence is inferred by the trails or signatures they leave in special detectors was one of the

subjects of a special conference at the Institute of Particle Physics, held recently at Stanford University in California.

Five different quarks have been identified from the tell-tale trails they leave in special electronic detectors, emissions or gases in instruments attached to accelerators.

Since present theory states that quarks must exist in pairs, scientists have been searching for the "top" quark to match the earlier discovery of the "bottom" quark.

The first evidence of the top quark came three years ago, in the UA-1 experiment at CERN.

While the method sounds easy, the practice is horrendous. Most of the collisions produce a shower of "junk", or mundane particles that are not very interesting to the theorists.

The second problem is that many signatures look alike.

Repeats of the UA-1 experiment discussed at Stanford suggests that the number of sightings of the top quark have reached a total of 48.

Describing the next stage in the hunt, Dr Ludwik Dobrzynski, of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Centre, said the CERN accelerator produced collisions with energies of 630 billion electron volts. But the large United States centre of Fermilab, outside Chicago, was gearing up for an acceleration of 2,000 billion electron volts.

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Weekend of terror: ● Libyan fears of attack ● Horror in Istanbul ● EEC reaction

Tripoli braces itself for reprisals as US and Israel promise revenge

From Nicholas Beeston Valletta

Libya was yesterday bracing itself for possible repercussions after Arab terrorist attacks in Karachi and Istanbul, as investigators in the two cities tried to identify the groups involved, and the United States and Israel promised to avenge their dead.

Helicopters and other military aircraft have been taken out of their hangars and spread out on waste ground or camouflaged among trees at Tripoli Airport, supposedly to make them a less easy target for US bombers.

involved in the Pan Am hijacking, which it is thought was carried out by Palestinians linked to the mainstream PLO, loyal to Mr Yasser Arafat.

EEC seeks drive against terrorism

By Richard Owen

The foreign ministers of the Twelve yesterday strongly condemned both the hijacking of the American airliner at Karachi and the massacre at a synagogue in Istanbul, and called for reinforced international co-operation to combat terrorism.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary and President of the European Council of Ministers, said at the end of a two-day informal session of EEC foreign ministers that these "dreadful incidents" had given added point to EEC discussions on how to tackle the roots of terrorism.

Gandhi-Zia clash over hijack tactics

Harare (AP) — The leaders of India and Pakistan sharply disagreed at the weekend over the handling of the Karachi hijacking.



Mr Erol Dilek, left, head of the Neve Shalom synagogue foundation, and Mr Jak Veissid of the council of advisers to Istanbul's Chief Rabbi, at a press conference after the attack.



Bloodstained shoes from the hijacked jumbo await collection at Karachi yesterday as survivors queue for a Frankfurt flight.

Libya says it disapproves of gun attack

Tripoli (AP) — Libya yesterday said it harboured no hostility towards Jews and, referring to the Istanbul synagogue attack, said it disapproved of attacks on "such innocent people."

In the synagogue of death

Neve Shalom synagogue, scene of the Sabbath carnage in Istanbul, is at 69 Buyuk Hendek, a narrow, winding street of old shops leading to the Galata Tower, one of the main landmarks of this ancient city.

Delhi rule imposed in Kashmir

Delhi has imposed President's rule in the state of Jammu and Kashmir because the Governor's rule, in force since March 6, could not be extended beyond six months under the terms of the state's separate constitution.

Paris turns down deal after bomb

There is no question of France freeing Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, the suspected European head of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction who is in prison here, according to M Charles Pasqua, the Minister of the Interior.

Chile rocked by dozens of explosions

Santiago (Reuters) — Dozens of bombs went off during the weekend in Chile, after two days of protests against the Pinochet Government in which three people died, police sources said.

Finland honours former president

The Finnish people paid their last respects to former President Urho Kekkonen in a sombre state funeral yesterday afternoon. Tens of thousands of people gathered along the 2-mile route from the cathedral to the national cemetery.

Addis's man in Paris quits

Paris (Reuters) — Mr Getachaw Kibret, the Ethiopian Ambassador to France since 1983, has resigned and is thought to have defected to the West.

Basques meet on breakthrough

Madrid — Members of the Basque Nationalist Party meet in San Sebastian today to decide whether to join a breakaway party seeking more autonomy from Madrid.

Tunis leader flees to Sicily

Tunis (Reuters) — Mr Muhammad Mzali, the Prime Minister of Tunisia dismissed in July, was smuggled to Algeria and is now in Palermo, Sicily, say sources close to his family.

Patched up

Delhi (AFP) — Some 18,000 textile workers employed by the Delhi Cloth Mills ended a 101-day strike after agreeing a £25 advance and £4 a month pay increase.

Murphy talks

Damascus (Reuters) — Mr Richard Murphy, the US envoy, discussed Middle East Syria with President Assad of Syria and the Syrian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Issam al-Nachb.

Killer drink

Colombo (AP) — Contaminated water has killed 15 people and put 100 in hospital in 10 days near the western coastal town of Pattalam, the health authorities said.

Six netted

Dhaka (AP) — Bangladesh has seized six Indian trawlers with 60 crewmen for alleged unauthorized fishing in territorial waters off the south-western coast. Five trawlers were held on August 27.

Fresh orders

Khartoum (Reuters) — Major-General Abdul-Aziz Siddik has been named Chief of Staff of Sudan's armed forces, replacing General Muhammad Tawfiq Khalil, who was dismissed last week.

Video crime

Moscow (Reuters) — Russia, the largest Soviet republic, has decreed that private showings of films and videos propagating "the cult of violence and cruelty" are punishable by two years' jail.

Buried drugs

Granada (Reuters) — Police discovered half a ton of hashish worth 200 million pesetas (about £1 million) buried on the beach of Piedra de la Gorra on the Costa del Sol.

Muslim post

Mejilla, Spain (Reuters) — Mr Omar Duda, Muslim leader in this North African Spanish enclave, is to accept a senior Madrid Government post in charge of relations with ethnic minorities.

Speaker goes

Mr John Bosley, aged 39, has resigned as Speaker of Canada's House of Commons amid Opposition allegations that he was nudged aside by the Conservative Government. He is expected to be succeeded by Mr Marcel Denis, of Quebec.

China visit

Peking (AP) — Mr Nikolai Talyzin, the Soviet First Vice Premier, left Moscow to visit China to discuss economic co-operation and trade, the Xinhua News Agency said.

Naval battle

Tehran (Reuters) — Iranian naval vessels damaged three Iraqi "advanced frigates" in a battle in the northern Gulf, and one had to be towed away, Tehran Radio reported.

Ferry fire

Warsaw (AP) — No one was hurt when fire broke out on a Polish car and rail ferry on its way to Sweden, forcing 23 crew and travellers to leave.

Soviet press accuses West over Danilooff

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As the detention by the KGB of Mr Nicholas Danilooff, the American correspondent, moved into its second week, the official Soviet press yesterday broke its silence to accuse the West of using the affair as a smokescreen to distract world attention from continuing US nuclear tests despite the renewed Soviet moratorium.

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By Kuldip Nayyar Delhi

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Cautious attempt at reform in climate of uncertainty

President Paul Biya of Cameroon is introducing cautious reforms in a climate of uncertainty. In the first of two reports, *Global View* reports from Yaounde on the President's progress.

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cautiously in introducing political and social reforms aimed at a more democratic system of government and eliminating the notorious corruption of the previous regime.

Paris turns down deal after bomb

From Susan MacDonald Paris

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Non-aligned countries set up fund for black liberation movements

From A. Correspondent, Harare

The Non-Aligned Movement's eighth summit ended here shortly before dawn yesterday with the ratification of plans for a special fund to assist the frontline states and South Africa's black liberation movements.

The closing ceremony was delayed until agreement was reached on Cyprus as the venue for the movement's next ministerial meeting, after some members raised strong objections to the North Korean capital, Pyongyang.

A mammoth document on world political problems, to be known as "The Harare Declaration", calls for the dispatch of a team of foreign ministers from the Non-Aligned Movement to persuade South Africa's principal trading partners — the United States, Britain, West Germany and Japan — to introduce comprehensive mandatory sanctions.

The team will consist of representatives of Algeria, Argentina, The Congo, India, Nigeria, Peru, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe.

In a statement to mark the end of the summit, Mr Oliver Tambo, leader of the African National Congress, who had been attending the summit as an observer, said the 101 member nations had sent an unequivocal message to the Western industrialized states that the millions of people represented by the Non-Aligned Movement completely rejected their "policies of so-called constructive engagement, quiet diplomacy and dialogue" which were intended to hide collaboration with and support for President Botha's regime.

Besides calling for the total isolation of South Africa, immediate independence for Namibia and an end to South African "destabilization" attacks on black neighbouring states, the summit denounced South African "barbarism" of trade with Zambia and Zimbabwe in August, when restrictions were temporarily placed on transit traffic.

The Zimbabwean Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, took over from Mr Rajiv Gandhi as chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement for the next three years. Mr Mugabe said great power interference had exacerbated local conflicts in southern Africa and Central America.

He denied the summit had been unbalanced in its censure of the United States, as opposed to the Soviet Union.

"There has been an invasion of Grenada, Libya, support for Unita, the Contras in Nicaragua and El Salvador."

"The Soviet Union is in Afghanistan, yes, but how do you balance that?" Mr Mugabe asked.



President Castro of Cuba listening through headphones to a speech at the Non-Aligned Movement summit in Harare.

Gadaffi takes 400 guards to Uganda

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, flew into Uganda at the weekend accompanied by four aircraft carrying 400 Libyan security guards who formed a tight cordon around him and the airport at Entebbe, outnumbering the Ugandan security men.

His visit underlines his close relationship with President Museveni, who took power in a coup last January.

Colonel Gadaffi flew in on Saturday from Harare, where his speech to the Non-Aligned Movement last week attracted world attention when he described the movement as useless and criticized the few African states that have established diplomatic relations with Israel.

At an Entebbe press conference, Colonel Gadaffi again denied that Libya was involved in last week's hijacking of the Pan Am 747 airliner at Karachi.

President Museveni visited Libya in mid-August, where he concluded a barter trade deal.

It is ironic that Colonel Gadaffi should now be so friendly with Uganda. In 1979 he sent troops to fight for the former dictator, Idi Amin, when he was being driven out by a mixed military force which included Mr Museveni.

US congressman reviews future of Polish sanctions

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The most influential American politician to visit Poland since the military crackdown five years ago yesterday left Warsaw after four intensive days of talks with ministers, a Politburo member, Solidarity advisers and the Primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp.

Mr Stephen Solarz, a senior member of the House foreign affairs committee, said he had discussed "the fate and future of political prisoners" and "the possibility of establishing a broader dialogue" between authorities and society in talks with government officials.

The aim of the congressman's visit was to assess the future of US sanctions against Poland, imposed when martial law was declared in the winter of 1981. The Poles say that the US is still enforcing the two most hurtful sanctions: a ban on new credits and the suspension of Poland's most favoured nation trading status.

His talks were intended to answer the questions: how far are sanctions hurting Poland, what effect are they having on Polish policy, and to what degree has the Government relaxed its grip since martial law?

His analysis will be crucial to the future of US sanctions policy towards Warsaw. Warsaw's position was put to Mr Solarz at meetings with

Mr Jan Kinast, the deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Andrzej Wojcik, the Foreign Trade Minister, and Mr Jozef Czyrek, a senior member of the Politburo.

The view was that the US was harming both US-Polish relations — already described as "rock bottom" by General Jaruzelski, the head of state — and economic reform.

Solidarity and Roman Catholic Church advisers in Warsaw and Cracow ex-

plained that time was needed to evaluate the current amnesty for political prisoners. It was still not clear, they said, whether the amnesty would include some top figures in the outlawed Solidarity movement.

Mr Solarz, who is a Democrat representing a New York constituency with a large number of Polish Americans, evidently had some sympathy for this view. However, his final assessment will not be known until he reports in Washington.

What summit decided

The Iran-Iraq war: Members angered Iran's President Khamenei by refusing to condemn Iraq as the aggressor. They urged, instead, that both sides should "summon the political will" to negotiate a lasting peace. President Khamenei said Iran would accept no formula which "lacked the necessary attention to justice" by failing to punish Iraqi leaders as war criminals.

Libya: Special condemnation was made of May's American air raids on Tripoli and Benghazi, which were described as "state terrorism". Britain was also denounced for its collaboration in allowing its air bases to be used and a demand was made for the payment of full compensation to Libya.

Central America: Members said they were "outraged" by the grant of \$100 (£66.6m) assistance to Nicaragua's Contra rebels by the US Congress.

Afghanistan: Withdrawal of foreign troops was urged, without specific reference to the Soviet Union.

Israel and the Middle East: The movement reaffirmed support for Mr Yassir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization and the creation of an independent Palestinian state. Israel was strongly condemned for alleged aggression in Lebanon.

Disarmament: The summit urged the US to follow the lead of the Soviet Union and declare a moratorium on nuclear weapons testing.

The Third World debt crisis: The movement is seeking a new world economic order which will reverse the net outflow of capital resources from the developing world to industrialized countries.

At the instigation of Opec members, the summit deplored the "massive shift in income from the oil exporting countries to the developed countries" and said this would have an adverse "knock-on" effect on the economies of all developing nations.

Co-operation commission: The former Tanzanian President and African elder statesman, Mr Julius Nyerere, was appointed to head a special commission for co-operation among Third World states. This would go beyond merely identifying the causes of underdevelopment, producing joint strategies to combat poverty, hunger, illiteracy and economic stagnation.

Botha seeks closer ties with Taiwan

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Foreign Minister of South Africa, Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, is beginning the second stage of his Asian tour with a visit to Taiwan, in search of more trade and strengthened ties.

Taiwan and South Africa have been thrust together by their international isolation. Since the flood of countries recognizing Peking, Taiwan now exchanges ambassadors with only 22 countries, of which South Africa is one of the most important.

The Botha visit comes immediately after a new trade agreement between the two countries, which calls for increased Taiwanese purchases of South African maize.

Taiwan is hoping to buy 600,000 tons a year from November, after three years of drought in South Africa which reduced purchases to all.

The agreement also deals with scientific and technical co-operation and co-operation in a whole range of other fields, including the removal of tariffs and other barriers and duties on semi-finished products from South Africa imported into Taiwan, which are then re-exported to South Africa.

But the renewed agreement is likely to have little initial impact on what is a rather disappointing trade picture, from the South African point of view. Two-way trade was worth only \$580 million last year, a modest figure by world standards. It has held steady since 1982, when it fell from \$600 million.

The South Africans would like Taiwan to buy more of their minerals and agricultural products, while there has been a certain reserve on the part of

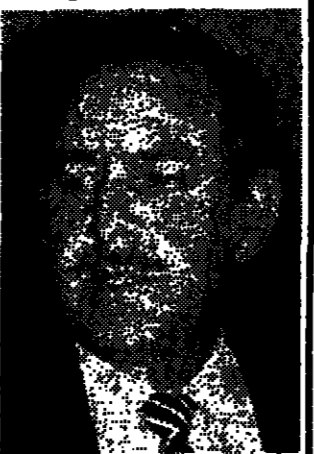
South Africa about the quality of Taiwanese goods.

Undoubtedly Mr Botha will have more serious things to talk about than grain.

There is no risk of Taiwan taking any action against South Africa on sanctions. Pretoria is the only world capital still calling Taiwan by the name it prefers, the Republic of China. As in Japan, Mr Botha will be asking the Taiwanese to try to influence their friends not to take any action on sanctions in the event of Japan, the EEC and the United States tightening up.

More important, he will be asking for lines of supply to be kept open from those markets via Taiwan. Sophisticated computers will most probably be on his list. South Africa has no difficulty with supplies of smaller computers but large mainframes could be problematic.

After his Taiwan visit, Mr Botha goes to Hong Kong.



Mr 'Pik' Botha: looking east for business and backing.

Church sit-in by Spanish farm workers

From A. Correspondent Madrid

Three hundred farm labourers from Spain's southern agricultural region of Andalusia continued to occupy the church of St Thomas Aquinas in Madrid yesterday and picketed government offices, for the fifth successive day, after failing to obtain a state pardon for Señor Diego Catamero and 600 other farm labourers who were convicted of taking part in illegal land occupations in 1984 and were due to be taken to prison on Friday.

The anomalous legal situation of Señor Catamero and his followers is seen by many Andalusian politicians as highlighting the inadequacy of the Socialist Government's response to the problems of the region, where the mechanization of agriculture since Spain joined the EEC has exacerbated unemployment.

Cambodians beg to keep UN protection

From Neil Kelly Bangkok

Thousands of Cambodian refugees in Thailand made a mass appeal at the weekend to be allowed to stay under United Nations protection.

They waved banners saying "We are real refugees" and "We want to stay under UN protection" at the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Jean-Pierre Hocke, who was visiting the Khao I Dang camp, eight miles from the Cambodian border.

The banners referred to claims by some Thai officials that the Cambodians are not genuine refugees, and to a plan to close the camp and move its 25,000 inmates to holding centres on the Cambodian border.

Mr Hocke said he was concerned for the refugees and would begin talks about them with the Thais in November.

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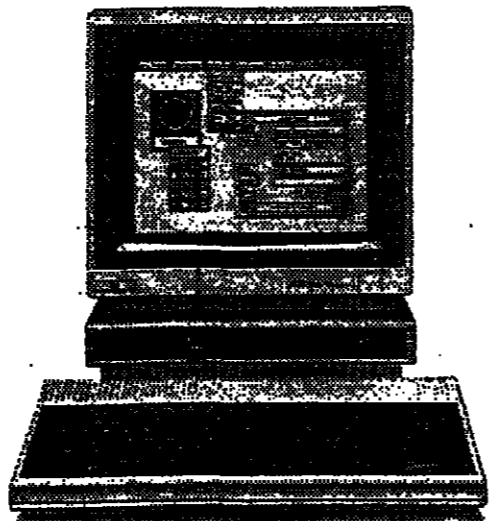
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On the eve of historic Thatcher visit

Norway facing instability

From Tony Samstag Oslo

By the admission of its Prime Minister, Norway, until recently the envy of Europe for its affluence and stability, has become an economic and political stambool, virtually ungovernable, and will remain so at least until the next general election in 1989.

Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, who took over in April as head of a minority Labour Government, says she is resigned to the danger that her country might develop over the next three years into the "Italy of northern Europe", where successive governments rise and fall with monotonous regularity until the constitution specifies that the next election can take place.

In an interview at the weekend, her first with the British press, Mrs Brundtland told *The Times*: "What we do not know is how long this minority Government will last. It would be bad if Norway were to change governments every half-year...but this could happen."

The rot had set in, in her view, as early as the end of 1984, when it was already clear "the Norwegian economy was badly led, in an expansive atmosphere of enormously increased private consumption and high levels of credit, which reduced competitiveness and overheated the economy long before the dramatic fall in the oil



Mrs Brundtland: facing unprecedented turmoil.

price". Mrs Thatcher is to visit Norway on Thursday and Friday this week, an historic visit bringing together Europe's only two woman Prime Ministers.

The invitation was issued and accepted during the administration of Mrs Brundtland's Conservative predecessor, Mr Kåre Willoch, who resigned after his "Easter package" of emergency budget measures was defeated in the Storting (Parliament).

His coalition Government was said at the time to have been the world's first political casualty of the collapse in oil prices and Norway, Europe's second-largest oil producer, has been struggling ever since to pick up the pieces in a Parliament with no clear majority and what Mrs Brundtland describes as an in-built potential for stalemate at every turn.

Mrs Thatcher's visit is the first by a serving British Prime Minister since Norway existed as a separate nation. It takes place against a background of unprecedented domestic political turmoil.

The Prime Minister has called a crisis meeting on the economy, at which she will try to persuade employers and trade unions to make yet more unpalatable sacrifices in the national interest.

Mrs Brundtland, preoccupied with domestic in-fighting, plummeting public opinion polls and the imminent prospect of the fight of her political life, refuses to be drawn on potential flash-points in her discussions with Mrs Thatcher.

There are several. One is what Norway has seen for years as British intransigence in refusing to accept Scandinavian arguments implicating the Central Electricity Generating Board in much of the "acid rain"; others might well include nuclear power, "the burning South Africa issue", and perhaps especially "the East-West situation, the outlook for negotiations on peace and arms control".

Norway's development under its new Labour Government as one of the "footnote nations" of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has attracted a great deal of attention in Europe, and with reason.

As Mrs Brundtland emphasizes, any reservation registered by Norway represents "the majority in the Government and the majority in the Norwegian Parliament", unlike Denmark's more frequent (and notorious) "footnotes", where "the Danish Government does not believe in the footnote itself". The split in Denmark between Government and Parliament has lasted several years.

When she agreed to form a new government, Mrs Brundtland said equal opportunity for women would be a cornerstone of her policies.

She wasted no time, appointing a Cabinet in which eight out of 18 ministers were women, a world record 44.4 per cent. The Storting already had a record 34 per cent of women MPs. The world (and its wife) took immediate notice, fascinated.

Mrs Brundtland, an extremely serious woman who might be expected to bridle at such a frivolous approach, is unruffled. On the contrary: "These statistics show women in this country are much better off than women in most other countries."

Mrs Brundtland concludes that she is looking forward to welcoming Mrs Thatcher on Thursday, and reliable sources indicate that the chances of the Labour Government remaining in power at least that long are excellent.



Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, right, shaking hands with the Chinese Vice-Premier, Mr Wan Li, before a tennis match at Mr Hawke's Canberra residence at the start of Mr Wan's visit.

China, which gave the world ping-pong diplomacy, had to concede to Australian competitiveness yesterday in this new bilateral sporting contact. Mr Hawke, aged 55, and his

partner beat Mr Wan, aged 61, and his partner 6-3, 7-5 (Stephen Taylor writes from Sydney). Mr Wan had defeated Mr Hawke in China earlier this year. Yesterday's result may have been influenced by the fact that Mr Hawke was partnered by Mr Frank Sedgman, the former Wimbledon singles champion, while Mr Wan's partner, Mr Li Furong, was only a former world champion at table tennis.

Threat to Japan's relations with Seoul

From David Watts Tokyo

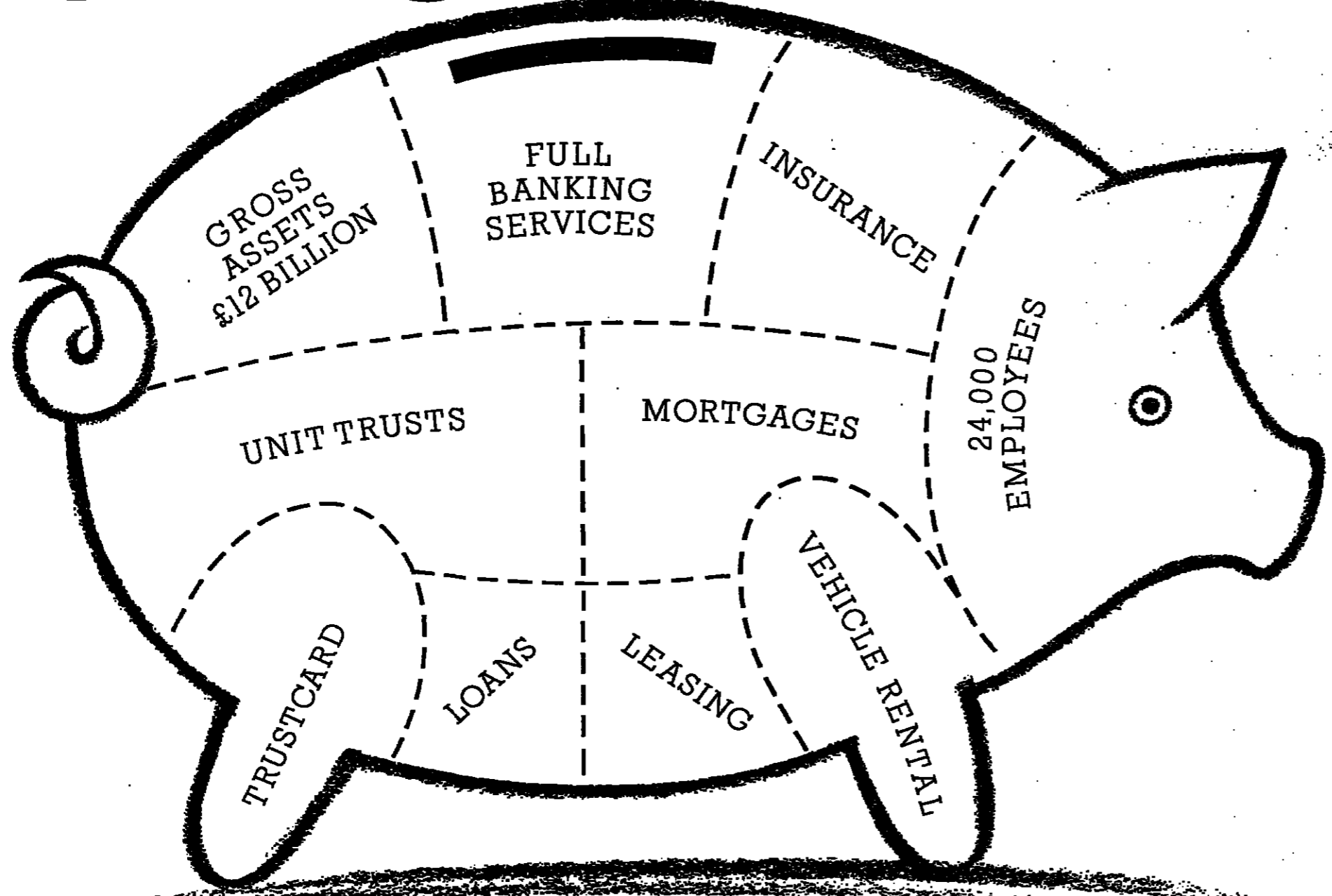
A new diplomatic incident is threatening relations between Japan and South Korea, two weeks before the Japanese Prime Minister is to visit Seoul.

The embarrassment is over a magazine interview given by the Minister of Education, Mr Masayuki Fujio, in which he claimed that the annexation of Korea took place "with the *de facto* and *de jure* agreements of the two sides" and that the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were more certain as historical fact than the Nanking massacre in 1937. He is quoted as saying: "I wonder which cases should be tried by wartime international law."

He also claimed that Japan was "slashing its own arms and legs... to adjust to foreign countries". The South Korean Embassy in Tokyo said the interview, in the intellectual monthly *Bungei Shunju*, may cause a fresh crisis in relations.

There is speculation that Mr Fujio will have to resign, or Mr Nakasone's visit may have to be postponed or cancelled. Woman leader: Miss Takako Doi became the first woman leader of a major Japanese political party at the end when she took over the chairmanship of the Socialists.

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Rights groups take place of UN forum

By Caroline Moorehead

A three-day seminar on human rights in the United Nations begins today in Geneva.

Organized by a number of independent human rights groups, it has been set up to replace the annual session of the UN's Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, whose three working groups - on slavery, indigenous populations and confidential communications - were cancelled earlier this year on financial grounds, despite considerable worldwide protest.

The cancellation was regarded by human rights organizations as a severe blow.

The sub-commission, which consisted of 26 independent experts, had been meeting for five weeks each summer to hear evidence of abuses of human rights and to agree on ways to curb persecution. It had been influential in implementing new international agreements on torture, and in bringing to public notice child labour and the "disappearances" in Latin America.

Its third permanent working group, dealing with confidential communications, was widely agreed to be the most effective. Through it, individuals were able to present their own cases of torture and persecution, over the heads of their government.

The leading role in setting up the alternative seminar was taken by the Anti-Slavery Society, a British-registered charity founded in 1839 and the oldest human rights organization in the world.

With help from the Norwegian Government, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, Oxfam, the World Council of Churches, the Ford Foundation and others, it raised £50,000 to pay for the three days of meetings.

The seminar agenda includes a debate on the ways in which the UN machinery for human rights should be strengthened.

Its delegates will also be trying to convince the UN that human rights should be regarded as an integral part of its work and not as an easy-to-cancel optional extra.

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Ceasefire offered by Aquino

From Keith Dalton Manila

Philippine government negotiators have proposed a 30-day ceasefire with Communist rebels while full-scale peace talks aimed at ending the 17-year guerrilla war are held.

The proposal, put to rebel emissaries at a secret Manila meeting, is a bold move to revive discussions which have been stalled for a month by squabbles over safe-conduct passes and procedural matters.

But the left-wing envoys, representing the umbrella group the National Democratic Front (NDF), have asked for time to discuss the ceasefire plan with leaders of the banned Communist Party and its military wing, the New People's Army.

The Government's new initiative came the day after President Aquino's unprecedented peace mission to the southern Philippines.

Mrs Aquino on Friday flew to the Moro National Liberation Front stronghold on the far southern island of Jolo and persuaded Mr Nur Misuari, the rebel leader, to continue the fortnight-old ceasefire and begin peace negotiations.

Finding a solution to the two rebellions, both legacies of the 20-year Marcos regime, has been given high priority during the first six months of Mrs Aquino's administration, and her initial successes are expected to win her warm praise when she visits the United States next week.

The long-delayed second round of talks with the left-wing rebels on Saturday lasted four hours at an undisclosed location in Manila. The first meeting was on August 5.

The NDF's view that a ceasefire should be part of a comprehensive political settlement "differs fundamentally from the immediate ceasefire proposed by the government channel", which believes a ceasefire provides a proper climate for substantial peace talks, a joint statement said.

The envoys agreed to meet again in two weeks.

Deng sets conditions for summit

From Robert Grievies Peking

In a wide-ranging interview, parts of which were aired yesterday on the American news programme "60 Minutes", Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's leader, spoke at length about the possibility of a Sino-Soviet summit, his retirement plans and the problem of Taiwan.

The interview was given on September 2 in Peking to CBS News.

In the interview Mr Deng said: "If Gorbachov takes a solid step towards the removal of the three obstacles in Sino-Soviet relations, particularly requiring Vietnam to end its aggression in Kampuchea and withdraw its troops from there, I myself will be ready to meet him."

Peking has said that three obstacles prevent a rapprochement between the two Communist giants: Soviet support for the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the deployment of some 50 Soviet military divisions on the Sino-Soviet border.

On the question of his retirement, Mr Deng said: "To be quite frank, I am persuading our people to let me retire at the party's 13th national congress next year. But so far, what I have heard is dissenting voices all around."

Mr Deng said that Taiwan remained a great obstacle in Sino-US relations and labelled as "not true" the US assertion that it was pursuing a policy of "non-involvement".

Mr Deng: hoping to retire at next party congress.

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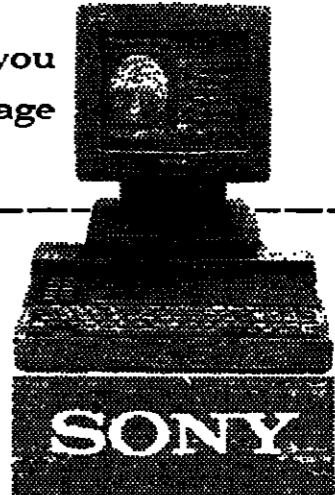
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BALMORAL CASTLE September 6: The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) and Mr Denis Thatcher have arrived at the Castle.

Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Sir William Downward). Afterwards, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips attended a reception at the University of Manchester for those participating in the Chrysanthemum Festival.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. J. Bretton and Miss L.C. Dougherty The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Bretton, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, and Leah, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs E.D.E. Dougherty, of York.

Birthdays today

Sir Peter Allen, 81; Professor Derek Barton, 68; Sir John D.K. Brown, 73; Mr Maxwell Davies, 52; Mr Michael Frayn, 53; Mr Anthony Froggatt, 57; Mr Fred Harvey, 57; Sir Denis Lasdun, 72; The Marquess of Lothian, 64; Lord Maude of Stratford-upon-Avon, 74; Mr Geoffrey Miller, 54; Mr Jack Rosenthal, 55; Alan Turing, 61; Sir Colin Scurry, 78; Sir Henry Scoble, 65; Professor E.H. Sondheimer, 63; Mr Dudley Stanton, 61; Colonel J. Stirling of Garden, 56; Mr Henry F. Tiers, 85; Dame Gulnare Turpin, 70; Mr Alan Weeks, 63.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and IN MEMORIAM 24 (minimum 3 lines) Announcements, authenticated by the name and permanent address of the sender, may be sent to THE TIMES PO BOX 484 Virginia Street London E1 9XS

BIRTHS

BAULCOMBE On September 2nd in Cambridge, to Rose (nee Eden) and David, a daughter, Harriet, a daughter, and a son, Robert.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

ANDERSON & WESTERDAHL William and Joan were married at St Columba's Church, Harlow, Essex, New Zealand, on September 7th, 1946. Present address: The Lodge, Grove Green House, Howe Green, Hertford.

DEATHS

BAKER On September 6th in Hereford after a short illness, Leo Kirkley Baker, aged 86, beloved husband of Susan, Elizabeth and Richard, and a son, Adam, died on September 10th at Colliers Green Crematorium. Family flowers only.

Clifford Longley Impasse over natural law

Two expert committees of high standing have just begun a serious re-examination of the theology behind the ordination of women. In an argument which has been dominated so far by politics and practicalities, this return to fundamentals may be useful, at least in clarifying what is at stake.

Marriages

White, of Purley, Surrey. Father R. Salmon officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Ruth Tiffin, Nicola Clarke, and Miss Johanna Lawlor. Mr Iain Staunton was best man.

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OBITUARY MR DUDLEY FROY

Noted test and racing driver

Dudley Froy, who died at his home in Tucson, Arizona on September 4, at the age of 81, was a British-born test and racing driver who broke many records in the early 1950s. Froy won races in cars as varied as the monster 21-litre Benz, the five-litre Delage and the 1.1-litre Riley.

M DANIEL FIGNOLE

M Daniel Fignole, whose brief term as President of Haiti lasted 19 days in May, 1957, died recently in Port-au-Prince. He was 71. Pierre Eustache Daniel Fignole was born on November 12, 1914, one of ten children of an impoverished farm labourer. The young Fignole himself worked on a farm until he was old enough to go to Port-au-Prince, where he passed through parochial school and the Lycée Fery.

MR NORMAN SUTTON

Mr Norman Sutton, Britain's wartime "weather man", the Dover journalist who provided national newspapers with such of the information about the weather as was permitted by war regulations, died yesterday, at the age of 90.

Piper's clean sweep

From Angus Nichol, Inverness Lance Corporal Alasdair Gillies (OOH) won all the events he entered at the Northern Meeting Pibroch and bagpipe competitions. He went on to win the March, Strathspey and Reel and the Group A Strathspey and Reel.

School announcements

Old Feilding reunion, for that at Feilding before 1940, on October 4 at the school. Half term is from October 18 to 26 and term ends on December 13. Forest School Michaelmas Term at Forest School commences today. Industry week will begin on October 6. There will be an Old Foresters dinner on October 17. Term will end on December 12 with the 120th annual Shakespeare play, 'Love's Labour's Lost'.

Advertisement for Dreamer and Realist, featuring a large illustration of a man's face and text promoting a publication or service.

THE ARTS

Most famous for her novels, Nancy Mitford was also a prolific journalist. In this piece, first published in 1968, she has a fresh and teasing go at changes in our language In defence of the Queen's English



Nancy Mitford photographed at her house in Paris: 'Look it up in a dictionary'

"Dad" and "dud" are pronounced the same (and are no doubt considered to be so). "He is mud, bud and dangerous to know."

"Nobility" and "nobility" is blown up into "The PM is undergoing character assassination."

"This" has a horrid new role; it is nearly always used instead of "that" and often instead of "it" or "so".

Television Dreamers and reality

In these worrying times, the most marketable gift an actor can have is the ability to speak junk dialogue as if it had been written by Noel Coward.

Rip van Winkle was away for 20 years: when he returned he found that he was no longer governed by Good King George VI.

PUBLISHING Left on the shelf

What, when it is unwrapped and set up in the market place, is a Literature Centre? I doubt whether I would have to ask such a question in France.

David Robinson reports from the Venice Film Festival Eroticism, comedy and terrorism

Mai Zetterling's first feature film Loving Couples, in 1964, was adapted from a novel by Agnes von Krusenstjerna.



Seductive images: a scene from The Wild White Pigeon. The home-grown special effects have much more charm and humour than the block buster hi-tech of Hollywood.

Theatre The Broken Thigh Drill Hall

The Broken Thigh is an adaptation, by Tara Arts, of the mythological Indian epic, The Mahabharata.

Promenade concerts BBC SSO/Maksymiwk Albert Hall/Radio 3

It was perhaps as a celebratory gesture to the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra's 50th anniversary season that Kun Woo Paik chose Ravel's G major Concerto to play with them on Friday night.

Advertisement for a performance of 'The Rothschilds' at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Includes text like 'IT IS A PERFORMANCE OF EXTRAORDINARY VIRTUOSITY, NO ONE SHOULD MISS IT!' and 'THE METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE'.

Advertisement for 'Rock Ska Clapham Common'. Includes text like 'It was an imaginative move by Lambeth's amenity services to present a line-up comprising the latest British ska revivalist bands, The Potato 5 and the Deltones, together with Desmond Dekker, one of the early Jamaican exponents of the Ska genre from which reggae developed.'

USM REVIEW

Profit growth rate proves potential of smaller firms

The autumn reporting season started this week and many companies are showing a rate of profit growth which confirms the belief of those who consider that small companies can offer the greatest potential for above-average performance. One such company is Therman, a manufacturer of toughened glass which has applications in the automotive, domestic appliance and architectural products market. The company has had an unimpressive history - in order to gain a quote it reversed into the publicly quoted VW Holdings, an engineering company which shortly after the merger moved into losses, crippling the profitability of Therman. The management moved swiftly to close down the loss-making VW by the exceptional write-offs last year cost the company its entire pretax profit for the year. The results announced this week show a much happier outcome. Pretax profits reached £1 million which, apart from the recovery element, reflects the benefits of capital investment in new plant and equipment which has allowed the group to broaden its product range. Margins remain very healthy at above 20 per cent. Continued growth next year should see pretax profits advance to well above £2 million, leaving the shares on a full tax charge on a prospective rating of 11 1/2 times. At this level, the bid premium arising from Suter's recently acquired stake is in for nothing. Goodhead Print Group, one of the largest web-offset printers also announced its preliminary figures for the year to May. Pretax profits rose 34 per cent to £1.2 million. The announcement was accompanied by plans for a convertible preference rights issue of £3.5 million to help to finance the acquisition of 10 free newspaper titles bought from the Receiver in May for £3.34 million. This is part of the group's strategy to transform itself into a publisher as well as a printer. The shares have performed well - up 50 per cent at 120p since its flotation in June 1985 - but remain on an undemanding prospective price earnings ratio of nine times. Small companies cannot always buck the trend in the economy and this was reflected this week in the results of ASD, the independent steel distributor. Steel stockholders have all endured very difficult conditions in the first half of the year, reflecting the depression in demand after the collapse of the oil price. The situation has not been helped either by the strength of sterling against the dollar. Against this background, the company put up a creditable performance but profits declined by 14 per cent to £1.2 million. Demand has now stabilized after a very difficult first quarter but the company is hopeful that some large contracts from the construction industry will lead to a stronger second half. The market is looking for the group to make £2 million for the full year (the second half is usually less active than the first half) and on this basis, the prospective rating of nine times is not expensive. The lack of liquidity in the shares limits the performance and until the upward trend in profitability is resumed, the stock will be viewed as cyclical.

Isabel Unsworth

The author is a member of the smaller companies unit at Phillips & Drew.

APPOINTMENTS

Automobile Association: Mr EG Faircloth and Mr RD Vaughan become managing directors, Mr NJ Clarke assistant managing director and Mr Simon Dyer deputy director general. Haden Group: Mr Richard Taylor joins the board. Palma Group: Mr GH Cammille becomes a non-executive director. Fasson: Mr Malcolm Dick becomes vice president, Europe, from October 1.



Malcolm Dick Aitken Hume: Sir Peter Cadden becomes a non-executive director. Household Mortgage Corporation: Mr Andrew Nelson has been made executive director, product development and investment. Carroll Security Group: Mr Jan Hildreth joins the board. Mr Fred Hoed and Mr Yossef Meshia become non-executive directors. CT Bowring Reinsurance: Mr JS Adams, Mr AS Barrie, Mr JWJ Cole, Mr MJ Hewitt, Mr CM Hills, Mr AEB Hoare, Mr DC Horton, Mr AD Kemp, Mr RA Leeds, Mr LAF Neil and Mr HAF Parshall become directors. Howard Tilly: Mr Richard Spooner and Mr Tony Pierre have been made partners.

Richard Spooner CT Bowring & Co (Insurance): Mr ML Allison, Mr FT Brundage, Mr GS Gilbert, Mr BV Hitchcock, Mr HR Kerr-Simley, Mr NAJ Waite and Mr DB Wheeler have been made directors. Reliance Mutual Insurance Society: Professor SPL Kennedy becomes a non-executive director. Redrow Group: Mr John Williams has been made managing director, Redrow Developments (Southern), T Headley (Contractors) and Headley Builders. Mr Rod Mitchell becomes managing director, Redrow Developments (Midlands).



Richard Spooner

COMMENT

Merger policy back in the melting pot

The report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on Allied Lyons is likely to re-open a lively political debate on mergers. Embarrassingly, in that eventuality, the Bank of England has become the most cogent critic of the malign side-effects of periodic British mania for takeover bids. The Bank strongly opposed the Allied takeover partly because the high debt involved might impose risks on the business, but principally for fear of a series of these highly leveraged bids. It looked at the exchange of \$150 billion of equity capital for debt since 1983 in the United States because of bids or management buyouts - and did not like what it saw. If the economy turned down, banks and companies could be sufficiently weakened to threaten financial stability. High gearing certainly exacerbated the 1929 crash. In its evidence to the Commission, the Bank said that pre-emption of cash flow for debt servicing would add to pressure on managements to maximize profits and cash in the short term by cutting research, product development and investment. This chimes with the Bank's general warnings of short-term thinking in the City last October. David Walker, its director overseeing relations between finance and industry, warned that the City's predilection to take a quick profit - the premium bidders offer - obliged company managers to take a short view and cut back on development to avoid becoming a victim. Either way, the competitiveness of British industry would suffer. Mr Walker's analysis of the problem was stronger than his solutions. The Commission took up his challenge to look at the effects of loan gearing in the Allied case. It came up with some frightening numbers, but was not unduly worried. Fears over gearing, as over many aspects of takeovers, relate to cumulative effects rather than individual cases, which are the remit of the Commission. So the MMC passed the question of gearing and financial stability back to the Bank of England and the Stock Exchange, which will find it hard to make workable rules. In another current takeover battle, the high technology engine-component group AE has followed Mr Walker's advice by keeping its big City shareholders informed. It has stressed its research and investment programme, which it believes essential to stay competitive worldwide. City investors, well aware of the arguments for responsible shareholding, seem impressed. But many of them have simply taken the traditional short-term option of selling in the market. Some institutions have warned to

Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

COMPANY NEWS

- FRAMLINGTON GROUP: Total dividend 9p (5p) for the year to June 30. Sales £34.24 million (£53.33 million). Pretax profit £2.89 million (£1.48 million). Earnings per share 38.36p (20.98p). Total funds under management increased from £289 million to £432 million, with unitholdings up from \$9,000 to 70,000. VIBROPLANT: Mr JFG Pilkington, the chairman, says in his annual report that profits in the current financial year are ahead of the corresponding period. CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE: Nine months to July 31. Net income: Can\$243.56 million (£116.91 million), against Can\$259.97 million. SELECTV: The company is missing the dividend (nil) for the year to March 31. Turnover was down to \$96,896 (£261,609) and pretax loss to tax 262,202 (£33,576). Loss per share was 1.31p (2.45p).

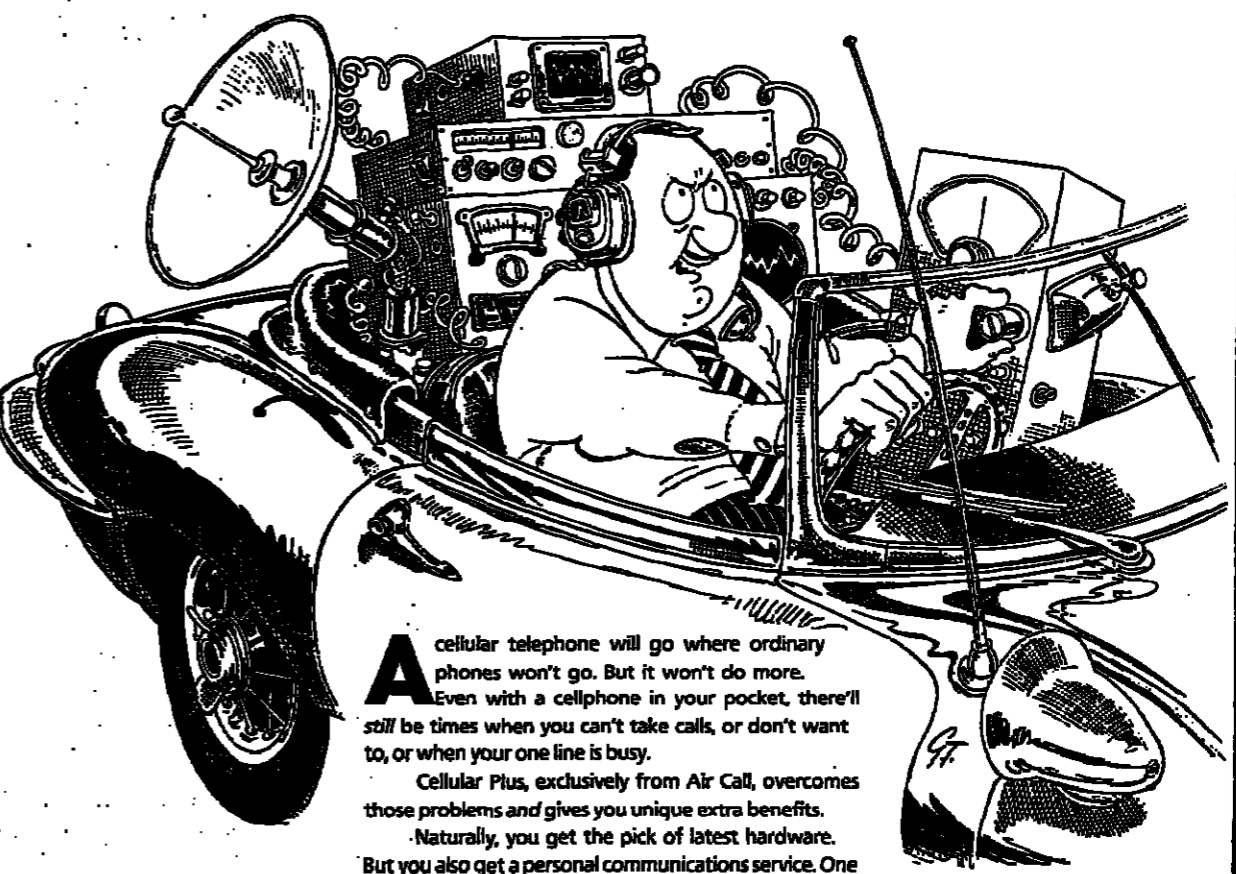
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A guide to career choice

EDUCATIONAL COURSES REVIEW

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Three ways to make the grade

Three weeks after the A-level results came out we are half-way through the bargaining period when applicants are finally matched up with places.

This is not the case with all subjects. If you are trying for a place on a popular course you are probably finding difficulty.

I've had HND business studies courses asking for four points and offers of four points for environmental science and geology degrees.

I have found chemistry departments making low offers - and some language courses, particularly if the candidate is willing to combine an unusual language with French.

There is also a dawning realism among students. Some of you have realized

You can still find a place even if your A-level results were disappointing. Beryl Dixon looks at the possibilities

It often helps, Alan Hallmark says, to be able to say that you intend to spend the intervening year in employment related to your new course.

Re-takes are a popular option and often the only one students consider. They are not easy and you need to look at the options carefully.



Tutorial colleges have an impressive record

already that your grades simply are not good enough. Either you do not want to accept any place that is offered, or you haven't got enough points to scrape into higher education at all.

There are three options: re-apply next year with the same grades, but to a different place or less popular course, re-take A-levels, or forget higher education and get a job.

The first is the simplest. It leaves you free, after putting in a new application next month, to earn some money through temporary work or to go abroad.

You can spend the next few weeks looking through prospectuses and then send in an early application. You will need to get a 1987 form directly from PCAS or UCCA and ask your former school to provide a reference.

It is advisable to check first with admissions staff that the grades you are holding will be acceptable.

The fact that regular reports are sent to parents who are paying up to £1,850 for a January re-sit course in three subjects and £4,600 for July may have something to do with it.

The last option is to seek employment. It does not have to be a dead end. You may think that a job is a job, but there are a lot of opportunities.

You may be feeling now that the last thing you will ever want is more education, but in a while you might change your mind and then you can start looking around to see what kinds of part-time, correspondence or "open learning" courses are available.

Local further education colleges have always provided part-time courses for business, scientific and technical qualifications.

There are now lots of new initiatives known as flexi-study or open learning, which combine methods of personal tuition, correspondence study and "dis-

Explore alternatives to full-time education

tance learning" - audio or video recorded courses, which are all priced to suit you as the consumer and timed to fit in with your commitments.

Some are based at your local college; other packages can be obtained from private study centres or professional bodies. (The Hotel and Catering Training Board, for example, is producing a home study package for people aiming at eventual management posts in that industry.)

Explore alternatives to full-time education. What kind of job could you get? That unfortunately depends on where you live. In some areas some employers deliberately look for people who have just missed out on higher education and offer traineeships to people with modest or even non A-level passes.

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FOOTBALL: THE AGEING LIMBS OF THEIR PLAYER-MANAGER PROP UP LIVERPOOL WHO IN TURN PROP UP THE TABLE-TOPPING WIMBLEDON

Dalglish's dilemma is whether or not to use his own two legs

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

West Ham United are by now accustomed to the tactic. Four of their five opponents so far have employed it to combat the considerable threat posed by Cottee and McAvennie. Although Devonshire was not there to spread their ideas on the left flank, Ward and Stewart combined to offer them a dangerous route on the right. They followed it to take the lead.

interval Hooper's wild flap, reminiscent of Grobbelaar, allowed Cottee to mark his England call-up but the trickester of West Ham mistakes became a waterfall. Dalglish scored twice with the aid of deflections and Rush added the other with the clearest drive of the afternoon. "The margin flatters us," Dalglish conceded. "We played better at Leicester without getting any reward. But considering that we won the double last season, I'm pleased with the attitude of the players. They are still hungry and ambitious." He added ominously that he expects Nicol and Grobbelaar to be available again before long. So, more significantly, will Walsh. He began training last week. Dalglish preferred not to set a date for the return of the comparative youngster: "I don't want to put pressure on him or disappoint him if he does not make it." Yet Liverpool's manager is aware of the implication, even if he does not admit readily to it. "Until Walsh is available for selection Dalglish will remain in a dilemma. He must be prepared either to go on running around on his ageing legs twice a week or to face the prospect of seeing Liverpool perform less convincingly. For the moment, the decision belongs to someone else. Should Andy Roxburgh invite him to play for Scotland on Wednesday? Dalglish has saved himself "just in case".



The fall of Parric: Dalglish has too much spring in his step for the West Ham defender

Chelsea upset TV plans

By Nicholas Haring

At this rate, ITV are going to have a relegation battle on their hands when live telecast football returns to the screens on September 28 with Chelsea's visit to Manchester United, and not the championship issue they must have envisaged. Still, John Hollins, surprisingly chirpy for the manager of a Chelsea team without a win, can afford to look on the bright side.

A self-destructive piggy-in-middle

By Clive White

This was a match that had all the ingredients — in theory. Two teams given licence by their new, progressive young managers to attack, the fresh optimism instilled by those managers and players, a 44,000 crowd and perfect playing conditions. But like bad mousetraps, it was all wasted too fast.

Local derbies, by their very nature, are self-destructive; too much motivation and bravado, not enough composure and brains. This season, in and around London, there are 72 derbies in the first division alone. And this one is generally regarded as the biggest, thanks to the fact that neither side did not augur well, though, for London derbies.

United on top in the Tay derby

By Hugh Taylor

A convincing victory over their rivals Dundee United extended their unbeaten run on Saturday and remain top of the Scottish premier division. Even without regular forwards, Stronach and Ferguson, they were too accurate as they set up at Dens Park and treated the crowd of 12,000 to a display of superb football.

Hard-earned draw placates critics

By Simon Jones

The battery of telephone lenses aimed at the Manchester United dug-out on Saturday made it clear where the focus of attention was at Filbert Street. For the United manager, Ron Atkinson, it was going to be a difficult day.

fluence on the game that immediately after United had been brought on Banks to reinforce the left side of his midfield. He did it with a smile, that he had done it "30 seconds too late." Yet the wisdom of the change was questionable. The substitute undoubtedly did help to stifle the Dons, but the absence of Sealy, the player who had been replaced, meant that the Leicester centre forward, Smith, was too often deprived of support. Consequently, United suddenly started to play much more possession. It was not until the 50th minute that Leicester found it difficult to hold the ball in advanced positions.

Garner has McMenemy speechless

By Clive White

Lawrie McMenemy, normally the most eloquent of football managers, had little to say after his Sunderland team had crashed to a 6-1 defeat at Blackburn Rovers, for whom Simon Garner hit four goals.

Hodges keeps the fairytale running

By Vince Wright

Those who say that Wimbledon lack the class to prosper in the first division will not have changed their minds after watching this sterile encounter at Vicarage Road. However, others more sympathetic to Wimbledon's direct style of football will see these last three points as further proof that the long ball game pays.

Gladwin finally nets top prize

By Cliff Temple

John Gladwin, the Commonwealth Games 1,500 metres silver medal winner, was the Peugeot Talbot mile in West-minster yesterday, beating John Walker of New Zealand to win the 3000 metres in 8m 57.6sec. Gladwin, always in the front group on the circuit around Westminster, had too much speed for the former Olympic 1,500 metres champion over the last 300 yards down Whitehall. The Gladwin comes in 2m 31sec and 60sec in the 3000 metres and 5m 31sec in the 1500 metres. He was also in the 1500 metres final in 4m 33.8sec.

Tyson and Spinks may clash

Las Vegas (Reuters) — The undefeated American heavyweights, Michael Spinks and Mike Tyson, moved along smoothly towards a possible world championship unification bout by stopping unopposed opponents inside the distance at the weekend. Spinks beat Steffen Tangstad, of Norway, in four rounds. Tyson destroyed Alanz Rothoff, of United States, in two.

Garner has McMenemy speechless

day, Charlton gave away a late goal to leave them with only one point from their three home games. Their manager, Lawrence said: "There is obviously some rebuilding of the team to be done, and we need to act quickly. We desperately need new blood."

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TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain, co-hosted by Anne Diamond and Adrian Brown.

ITV LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Watno, Watton, cartoon series.

BBC 2

8.55 Open University: Maths - And So On... Ends at 7.20.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 The Puppet Man. Part two of the dramatized documentary series starting Roy Hudd as travelling puppeteer and author, Walter Wilkinson.

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all. Grandson David leaps to the defence of the old rascol (who endured until the age of 97) but other judgments are less favourable.

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Radio 3

On VHF/FM (in stereo). Also on MW. 6.35 Open University. Art: Before and After.

BBC 2

9.45 Sign Exits. A repeat of yesterday's programme for the hard-of-hearing which followed Cameron Marsden, a flapper - an enthusiastic follower of the American singer.

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SPORT

'Our Czechs' and 'their Czechs' in a closed shop

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

The 1986 United States championships will be remembered as the tournament in which four players born in Czechoslovakia turned the singles finals into a fiasco of a closed shop. That is, obviously, almost incredibly unique. One of those players, Martina Navratilova, is a United States citizen and another, Ivan Lendl, also lives in the US. But it was as Czechoslovaks that they became tennis champions.

sure of himself on hard courts. Nor is he sure of himself against Mecir. Nobody is. "I had no game plan and at the beginning I had too much respect for him," Becker said later. "You never know what he's going to do, he has such a big return that he can hit a winner off my best serve. And when I hit a good approach he's so fast that he can make a good shot. He doesn't serve hard but he serves deep. Sometimes it's so weak that you don't know whether to hit it hard or chip it."

anxious, sometimes wild-eyed. She had great advantages in her strength and her serving and volleying but Miss Graf's resilient counters bred caution and error. Miss Graf won the first tie-break with an unexpected ace. In the third set Miss Navratilova came within a point of serving for the match at 5-2 but, amid a tension that was almost tangible, Miss Graf turned 2-4 into 5-4 and had two match points. Each time her forehand let her down, though the second shot was close.

An American lady who helps to look after the Press corps suggested the other day that the tournament was "boiling down to whether our Czechs can beat their Czechs". So it turned out, with Lendl playing Miloslav Mecir in one final and Miss Navratilova taking on Helena Sukova in the other. Mecir had confounded the seedings three times, by beating Mats Wilander, Joakim Nystrom and Boris Becker, and Miss Sukova had done so once, by dismissing Chris Lloyd.

Becker's inhibitions were reflected in tactical uncertainty and technical errors. Too often, he was lured into the subtle sparring at which the deceptive Mecir excels. Again, Mecir displayed a rare knack of turning defence into attack with one startling shot. "Today I returned very well-land just tried to hit the ball in the best place," Mecir said. "If he didn't know where it was going, I didn't mind. If he did know, I didn't mind that either."

In the tie-break Miss Graf muffed a forehand at 5-3 but had a third match point at 8-7. This time Miss Navratilova charged and Miss Graf found the net in attempting a backhand passing shot. Meantime Miss Navratilova, now a blend of heavy puncher, crafty boxer and desperate street-fighter, was displaying her competitive steel. Miss Graf saved two match points. Then a forehand error gave Miss Navratilova a third chance and a service winner to the backhand ended an 18-point tie-break and what had, for two sets, been a tremulously exciting match.

Results

MEANS SINGLES: Semi-finals: L Lendl (Cz) bt S Edberg (Swe), 7-6, 6-2, 6-3; M Mecir (Cz) bt B Becker (FRG), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Semi-finals: M Navratilova (US) bt S Graf (FRG), 6-1, 6-7, 7-6.

HORSE TRIALS

Leng's fourth title in a row

To the deafening applause of the packed arena Virginia Leng, the world and European champion, yesterday won the Burghley Remy Martin horse trials for the fourth time in succession. No other rider has won it more than twice.

leaders in the final showjumping phase, over a fair sized course designed by John Doney, came when Helen Ogden and Streetholder and Michael Tucker with General Bugle each had one fence down dropping out of the top six. The next three all had clear rounds putting enormous pressure on Mrs Leng, who was separated by less than a point from Davidson.

MOTOR RACING

Mansell extends lead to five points by coming second

Another emphatic demonstration of race competitiveness by the Canon Williams team ended yesterday with Nelson Piquet winning the Italian Grand Prix and Nigel Mansell finishing runner-up less than 10 seconds behind and extending his lead in the world championship.

territory, Michele Alboreto holding a strong third place behind the two Williams drivers until he spun on oil, made a pit stop to replace the damaged tyre, then worked his way back from eleventh place before his engine expired.

CRICKET

Botham renews attack on Somerset

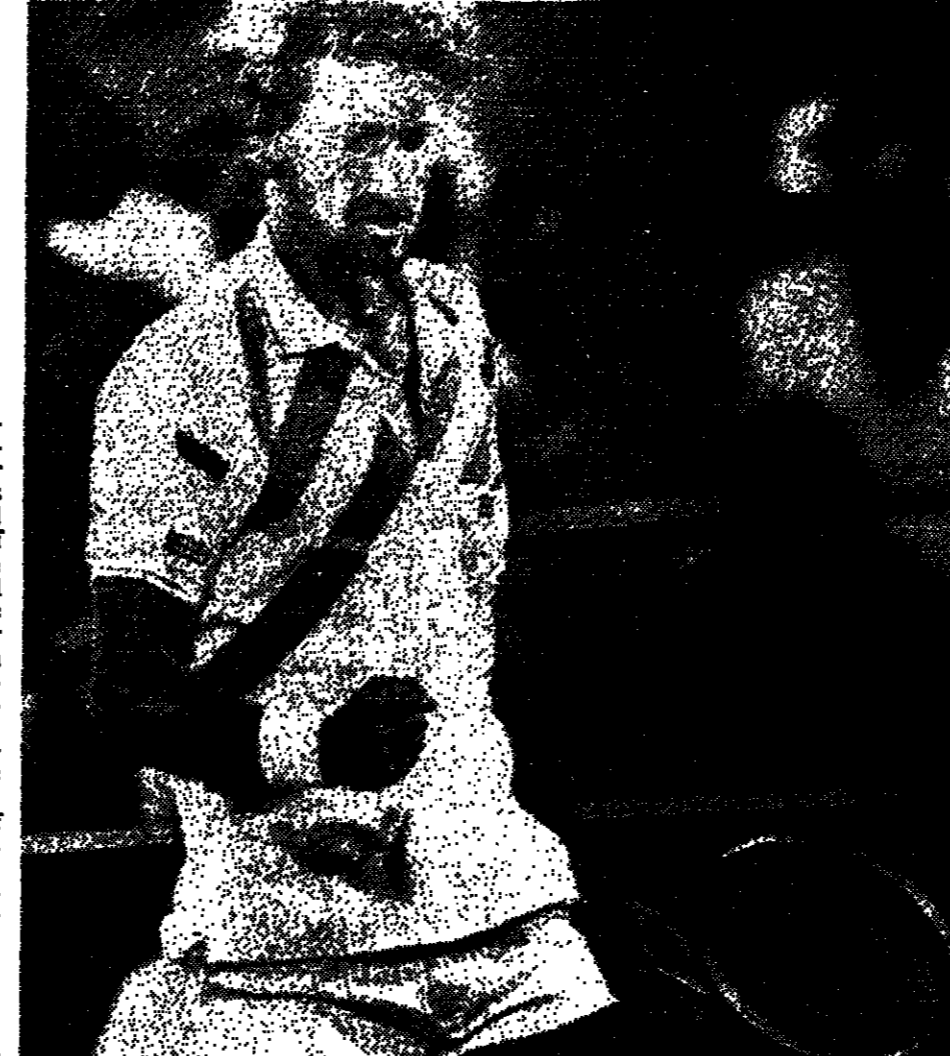
Ian Botham yesterday launched another fierce attack against his employers, Somerset, making clear he would not waver from his threat to leave the club along with the dismissed Viv Richards and Joel Garner. It was the third Somerset committee members said they would themselves be proposing that, because of his outbursts, a two-year contract on offer to Botham be withdrawn immediately.

some Somerset members as a "big insult", a view already indicated to the club by Richards himself. In any case, Martin Crowe has now written accepting a three-year contract, leaving no room for suggestions that he play in only some of the matches, the club has confirmed.

ATHLETICS

Cram and Coe run the season's fastest times

British domination of world middle distance running this year was emphasized here in the gorgous surroundings of the Saint Valley, north of Rome, yesterday. Steve Cram, at 800 metres, then Sebastian Coe, at 1,500 metres, ran the fastest times of the season, with Coe's 3min 29.77sec being the equal fourth fastest ever. Cram ran 1min 43.19sec, beating by 0.03sec the time with which he won the Commonwealth title.



Bonney Czech: Mecir on his way to victory against Becker in their semi-final

Cottee suits right down to the ground

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Four years ago Bobby Robson began his national managerial career in Scandinavia, where England opened their European championship campaign with a 2-2 draw against Denmark. Today, as he returns there for the only dress rehearsal before his squad go into the same competition, he will carry a strong sense of déjà vu.

Two days before his opening night in 1982 he lost two of his certain selections, Coppell and Thompson, through injury. Two days before leaving this afternoon for an international match with Sweden in Stockholm he learnt that two members of his intended line-up, Beardsley and Hately, had similarly been forced to withdraw.

Even though he has no international experience, Cottee is the prime candidate. He fits the new mould of the English centre forward. Whereas they were once shaped like giant redwood trees, they are now as sleek as turbo engines. Whereas they were once feared for their power in the air, they are gaining a reputation for their speed over the ground.

Wales manager, Mike England, made it a memorable weekend for Wimbledon's Glyn Hodges yesterday, calling him into the squad for Wednesday's European Championship qualifying match against Finland in Helsinki.

Wales, without the suspended Barcelona forward, Mark Hughes, and the unfit Everton defender, Pat Van Den Hauwe, were given another injury scare when Jeremy Charles, of Oxford United, was concussed at Aston Villa. But England said he would be fit to travel.

FINNS fill top places

Jyvaskyla, Finland (Reuter) - Timo Salonen, the world champion, driving a Peugeot, led a Finnish sweep of the top three places in the 1,000 Lakes motor rally yesterday.

Welsh fitter

Tony Gray, the Wales rugby union coach, put 52 of his top players through testing fitness routines and reported a 20 to 25 per cent level of improvement at the end of last season, when they were given fitness work to do. Players are also being asked to improve their diet, limit their beer intake and to cut down on their number of club matches.

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